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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
ERNESTO E. BLANCO *376* : GROUP ART UNIT: 3763
SERIAL NO: 10/092,560 : EXAMINER: UNASSIGNED
FILED: March 8, 2002 :
FOR: SAFETY TROCAR WITH :
PROGRESSIVE CUTTING TIP
GUARDS AND GAS JET TISSUE
DEFLECTOR

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application,

01 FC:2201 without prejudice, *376, 20, 00*
02 FC:2202 *433, 00, 00* as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

NA wrong page or line
Page 9, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 20, with the following:

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FIGURE 7 shows the guards 3 already completely retracted into the penetrator 13, and the knife edges 14 completely exposed. At that instant, the point of the knives begins to cut and penetrate at 21 into the outside tissue layer. As shown in Fig. 7, the cutting pathway of the cutting tip/knife edge is of a smaller diameter than the inner diameter of the cannula 2 such that the cut made by the blade results in a smaller lumen or bore than that of the cannula. At that time, the carbon dioxide gas is allowed to pressurize the inside of the penetrator 13,

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Transmitted herewith is a supplemental preliminary amendment in the above-identified application.

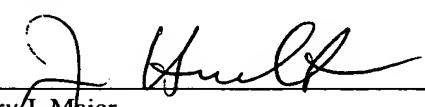
- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-up Copy; Information Disclosure Statement; PTO 1449; References (21)

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		TOTAL				\$795.00

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